

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

9. (Currently Amended): An image formation method comprising:
- forming a toner image by employing a toner having a surface to which a titanium black adheres, the titanium black being subjected to a hydrophobicity-providing treatment, and
- ~~a process of fixing [[a]]~~ the toner image on a surface of a recording medium onto a surface thereof by flash exposure by flash light,
- ~~characterized by employing a toner having a surface to which a wherein~~
the titanium black adheres, the titanium black being subjected to a hydrophobicity-providing treatment and is changed in color from black to white by flash light, the flash light having energy of 0.5 through 3.0 J/cm² and luminous time of 500 through 3000 μ s.